

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.30  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
safety answering points for the )  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
Jefferson County. ) Entered: August 6, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-mentioned docket, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points ("PSAPs").<sup>1</sup>

On or about July 24, 2019, the Jefferson County PSAP filed a request to use set aside funds to purchase computer server equipment for use with its Computer Aided Dispatch and GIS mapping systems. The eligible cost of the computer server equipment is \$12,679.00. Such costs stated above are shared costs which are subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless ratio for Jefferson County for the 2019-2020 funding year is 75% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its July 31, 2019 meeting and recommended the request be approved.

O P I N I O N   A N D   F I N D I N G S

Pursuant to the 911 Service system Act<sup>2</sup> (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund (the "Fund").<sup>3</sup> The Fund consists primarily of surcharges collected by wireless carriers from wireless service customers.<sup>4</sup> The Act provides that money in the fund may be used to pay for costs that are determined by the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to be eligible for funding, including costs incurred by PSAPs for acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications equipment and services required for the provision of 911 service.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service, Application No. 911-042, ORDER OPENING DOCKET (March 30, 2010).

<sup>2</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

<sup>3</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-459, 86-466, 86-904 and 86-1028.

<sup>5</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1025(5)(c).

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The funding mechanism adopted by the Commission permits PSAPs to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.<sup>6</sup> Set aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements.<sup>7</sup> However, set aside funds may not be used to pay future years of multi-year maintenance, service, support or licensing agreements. Any such future costs must be paid from a PSAP's annually allocated funds or other sources.<sup>8</sup>

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the costs requested are eligible for funding as costs incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of 911 service. PSAP costs for the purchase and maintenance of software, including GIS systems and data, are eligible for funding.<sup>9</sup>

Based on the wireless/wireline ratio of 75% percent for Jefferson County, the amount eligible for funding using set-aside funds with respect to the computer server equipment is \$9,509.25.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of set-aside funding by Jefferson County should be approved in the amount of up to \$9,509.25.

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<sup>6</sup> In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service, Application No. 911-019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (Feb. 23, 2010).

<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of North Platte, Application No. 911-042.18 ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (August 29, 2017).

<sup>8</sup> See, e.g., In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Dundy County, Application No. 911-042.45, ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION (Dec. 4, 2018).

<sup>9</sup> See, e.g., In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Clay County, Application No. 911-042.03, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (October 31, 2017).

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for Jefferson County is hereby approved in the amount of up to \$9,509.25.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Crystal Knoodles*  
*Don Waters*  
*Tim Schram*

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Mary Ridd*  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Michael H. Se*  
Executive Director